

ABSTRACT

5 The mimicking of network devices in a
computing device having first and second network
interface cards, the first network interface card
connecting the computing device to an external
network and the second network interface card
connecting the computing device to a local network.
The invention includes receiving an incoming message
from a client network device residing on the
10 external network, the incoming message being
directed to a legacy network device residing on the
local network, and determining if the incoming
message requires a function provided by an
application module residing in the computing device.
15 In the case that the incoming message requires a
function provided by the application module, the
incoming message is redirected to the application
module which performs the required function in
response to the incoming message. In the case that
20 the incoming message does not require a function
provided by the application module, the incoming
message is passed through the local network to the
legacy network device residing on the local network.

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